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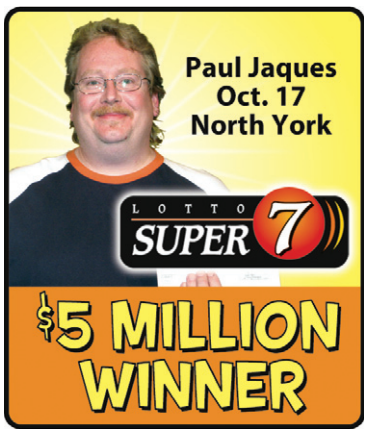

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Olsen twin planning to wed in France?

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Do you have the winning $40M ticket?

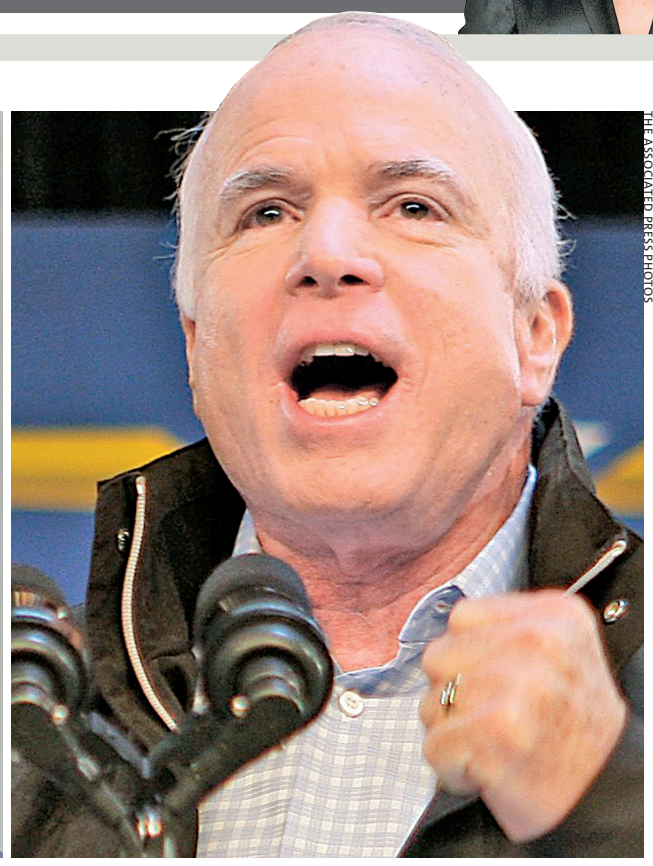
ONTARIO Somewhere in Ontario today there's a slip of paper worth a little over $40 million — $40,441,000, if you're counting.

That would be the winning ticket drawn in Saturday night's Lotto 6/49.

So far, say officials with the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, they have no idea where the winning ticket was sold, or whether it's held by an individual or a pool of winners.

"This is one of the largest jackpots in Canadian lottery history," said Teresa Roncon, a lottery spokesperson.

If this reminds you to check your ticket, we've got the winning numbers on page 3. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



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Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, left, speaks at a rally at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus, Ohio, the same day Republican presidential candidate John McCain spoke at a campaign rally in Wallingford, Pa. Americans go to the polls tomorrow.

U.S. rivals storm through key states

Candidates make last pitch as historic campaign nears end

Barack Obama barnstormed through Ohio in the closing hours of the U.S. presidential campaign yesterday, using two words to symbolize how tantalizingly close he believes he is to transforming American politics.

"Ohio, I've got two words for you — two days," he told an evening rally of 80,000 in Cleveland.

"After decades of broken politics in Washington, eight years of failed policies from George W. Bush ... we are two days away from change in America."

The Democratic candidate begins today's final day of the campaign with a comfortable national lead and encouraging trends in battleground states, but with Republican rival John McCain hot on his trail and conceding nothing.

McCain rallied backers in Pennsylvania by saying he has once again been written off by elite Washington pundits who are enamoured of a candidate who is already measuring the drapes in the Oval Office.

"We've been a few points down, but we're coming back," McCain said in Scranton. "The Mac is back."

Some national projections put Obama in line to win more than 300 electoral college votes in a race in which 270 brings victory.

Today, McCain hits six states before heading home to Arizona. He has stops planned in Florida, Virginia, Indiana, New Mexico, Nevada and Tennessee, all Republican states in 2004.

Obama stays on the offensive, invading three key Republican states he hopes to flip tomorrow, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia. He will then head home to Chicago.

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Obama maintains lead in polls

- McCain has not led in any national poll since September, trailing in every single one of the more than 250 polls released in October.
- Most national polls yesterday had Obama with a six or seven point lead over McCain.

Recalled candy sold in Niagara, Oshawa

HEALTH Potentially tainted Hershey's chocolate has been discovered in Oshawa and Niagara Falls, just days after federal inspectors removed 640 pieces of the candy from five Toronto stores.

Members of the public alerted the Canadian Food Inspection Agency that the recalled products were being sold in the two cities.

The agency has pulled Reese peanut butter cups from a distribution centre in Niagara Falls and found out that some almond bars were sold in at least one store in Oshawa.

When the agency arrived to remove the candy, however, it had been sold.

The chocolate was recalled in November 2006, after salmonella was found in soy lecithin, an emulsifier used to make the candy.

Forty-thousand recalled chocolate bars were stolen from the Turtle Island recycling depot, and started turning up on the shelves of small, independent convenience stores in 2007.

The recalled candy has product codes that range from 6417 to 6455, and consist of Oh Henry! bars, Reese peanut butter cups, Hershey's dark chocolate almond bars, chocolate chips, dark and milk chocolate bars, Glosettes, Eat-More bars and Cherry Blossoms. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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- Hershey's candy in Halloween or Christmas wrapping is deemed to be safe.

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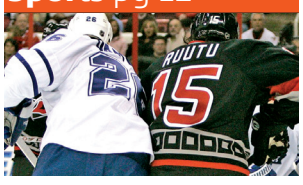

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Veterans kick off poppy drive
The Royal Canadian Legion kicked off this year's poppy drive with a brief ceremony at Davisville subway station Friday. Daily until Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, veterans and other Legion representatives will be giving away poppy pins and accepting donations. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Local

Crash cuts power to homes

Hundreds of homes in the Weston Road and Black Creek Drive area lost power after a car slammed into a hydro pole around 3 a.m. yesterday. Hydro crews restored power to most of the homes within a few hours, but 14 had to wait until 1:50 p.m. to get their electricity back. The driver of the car, a 23-year-old man, was charged with impaired driving.

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Lotteries

Friday, Oct. 24 Super 7: 7, 10, 13, 14, 23, 39 & 41. Bonus 16. **Saturday, Oct. 25** Lotto 6/49: 18, 25, 33, 40, 42 & 49. Bonus 19; Ontario 49: 3, 7, 30, 42, 46 & 47. Bonus 21. **Sunday, Oct. 26** Ontario Pick 3: 2 4 6; Ontario Pick 4: 1 3 1 9; Encore: 8079120; Daily Keno: 1, 7, 10, 11, 16, 18, 23, 26, 37, 39, 41, 45, 46, 48, 49, 53, 54, 60, 65, 68.
These results are not official.

New garbage system begins

Garbage collection is different in Toronto starting this month. Single-family-home residents must start using their grey garbage bins, supplied by the city, to set out their trash on collection day.

Moreover, collection becomes a fee-for-service operation instead of one paid for by taxes. The fee is determined by the size of grey garbage bin homeowners have chosen.

Q: Do I have to start using the city-issued grey bin for garbage this week?

A: Yes. Garbage trucks are being equipped with automated lifting arms, and only the new bins fit them. The exceptions are for oversized items, or bags of garbage with city-authorized tags attached.

Q: What if my bin hasn't arrived?

A: About 75,000 households are still without garbage bins. If yours hasn't arrived, you should have received some pink tags by mail. Put your garbage out in bags, with a tag attached. The city says every home should have a bin by Jan. 31.

Q: Why is the city doing this?

A: The new fee-based garbage system will net the city an extra $54 million a year. The city will use the money to pay for waste diversion programs.

Q: What if I have extra garbage one week?

A: You should have received, or will receive soon, five free yellow tags. Put the extra garbage out in bags with a tag attached to each.

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Fiery crash victim was York U. student

Atena Arabsalmany was aiming for the stars.

The 21-year-old York University aerospace engineering student was one of two young lives cut tragically short on Halloween night when the car she was in erupted in flames after colliding with another vehicle in Richmond Hill.

Atena died in the inferno that engulfed a black Mazda when it crossed the centre line on Bayview Avenue, north of 16th Avenue, and was struck by an SUV about 10:30 p.m. At least one witness has told York police that the Mazda was making a U-turn when the accident occurred.

Also dead in the crash was Atena's friend, Niloufar Khanverdizadeh, 21, of Richmond Hill. The driver, a friend Atena's family knew only as Sanaz, is in critical condition in hospital with severe burns.

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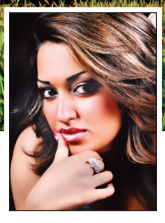

Cars drive past a makeshift shrine on Bayview Avenue near the spot where a two-car crash on Friday claimed the lives of Atena Arabsalmany, left, and her friend Niloufar Khanverdizadeh. The driver is in critical condition in hospital.

The women were heading to a Halloween party, relatives said.

Five police officers and two passing motorists were taken to hospital with burns or smoke inhalation after heroic efforts to pull the women from the flaming wreckage. All have been released.

The occupants of the SUV were treated in hospital and released. Police said airbags and seatbelts likely saved their lives.

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60-year-old injured in hit-and-run

Police have arrested a 50-year-old Toronto woman who allegedly hit a 60-year-old man with her car outside an east-end bar on Saturday.

The man, a regular at Teddy Sports Bar and Grill on Queen Street East at Jones Avenue, was smoking or lighting a cigarette, shortly before noon when a car jumped the curb and struck him. It fled the scene. The man remains in hospital with a broken leg.

Police say the woman isn't co-operating, and they haven't been able to find the car that hit the man.

Julie Warlow, 50, will be charged with dangerous driving causing injury. She is scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday.

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Residents evacuated after crash

Residents on Geary Ave. at Ossington Ave. and Dupont St. were evacuated yesterday after a minivan crashed into a home and sheared a gas line. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

5 new E. coli cases in Halton, Niagara

Health officials have reported five new cases of E. coli poisoning in Halton and Niagara regions as they worked through the weekend to determine whether the outbreaks are related.

Meanwhile, one of two Niagara eateries linked to the outbreak could reopen this week after testing suggested the bacteria is no longer there.

Four of the new cases are in Niagara, which is investigating 40 possible infections, of which 12 in total have been confirmed as being caused by the bacteria.

Halton Region is reporting two confirmed cases, plus one whose preliminary test results have come back positive. The infections in Halton have been traced back to Johnathan's Family Restaurant in Burlington, which has been closed since the outbreak.

The region has sent food samples from the restaurant for testing at a provincial lab. "For us, the important element is to get the lab results," said Mary Anne Carson, Halton's director of Health Protection Services. Both regions are interviewing people who ate at Johnathan's or two Niagara restaurants linked to the outbreaks.

The molecular composition of one of Halton's E. coli cases is similar to that of the bacteria involved in the Niagara cases, leading officials to believe they could be linked. So far, however, they haven't been able to determine how. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cherry Beach **Kiteboarding with the birds**

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A kiteboarder shares the wind at Cherry beach yesterday with a flock of birds. Sunny yet windy conditions yesterday made for a perfect playground for windsurfers and kiteboarders.

Worried dad turns in guns for camera

EXCHANGE Ferdito Cruz was at a loss for words recently: How could he warn his children about the evils of guns when he had two of them in his house?

Cruz, 48, allowed that irony to tug at his conscience each time he turned on the TV to see news of a break-and-enter or a shooting.

So when he heard about the Toronto police's "Pixels for Pistols" gun amnesty program, which started earlier this month, he leapt at the opportunity to trade his pistols in for a camera.

"It's dangerous. There's lots of shooting right now every day on the streets," he said Friday, a week after surrendering a .357 Magnum handgun and an SKS semi-automatic rifle.

"I don't like it, especially because I have children in high school."

The program offers a trade of guns for digital cameras and lessons on how to use them.

"We don't expect criminals will surrender their firearms," the letter states. "Our goal is to reduce the number of guns in this city that could fall into the hands of criminals."

So far, no gun that has been handed in has been linked with any crimes, Sgt. Chris Boddy said Friday, conjecturing the camera swap is driving the high interest in this amnesty. The cameras are donated by Henry's camera store.

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Amnesty program

- In the first 12 days of the month-long program, which began Oct. 22, police collected 200 firearms from more than 100 people. In 2005's amnesty, only 261 guns were surrendered in total.

Housing issue still up in the air

ECONOMIC CRUNCH A serious economic downturn will hurt Toronto more than other cities because it has a larger share of welfare recipients and residents in social housing. Given that there was no money for housing in Friday's Queen's Park announcement on the eventual uploading of welfare and court security costs, the city will still face enormous pressure on its budget. And there is no deal on the cost of administering welfare, of which Toronto pays $125 million a year. Instead of shrinking, Toronto's bill for social housing is likely to grow because of rising capital costs, with a huge backlog of repairs and a desperate need for more housing. Utility costs, which are rising faster than inflation, are another big worry. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Murder investigation ends after suspect found dead

The RCMP say they have closed their investigation into the slaying of a popular university professor in New Brunswick after the body of the man they wanted for his murder was found in a car outside a hotel parking lot in Moncton. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Liberals fall to third in fundraising

The once-mighty Liberal party has raised less money from fewer donors so far this year than the NDP, traditionally the poor sister of Canadian politics. According to quarterly financial returns posted by Elections Canada, fewer than 35,000 donors contributed a total of $3.6 million to the Liberal party from January to September this year. Over the same period, the Conservatives vacuumed up almost $15 million from more than 125,000 individuals, while the NDP raked in $3.7 million from almost 44,000 contributors. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Duncan calls on Feds to help out Ontario

It's time for the Harper government to recognize Ontario's problems and start treating the province like the rest of Canada: That's the message Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan says he's delivering to federal counterpart Jim Flaherty today.

"The federal government has got to take off its ideological blinders," Duncan said, referring to the Conservatives' hands-off attitude toward Ontario's economy.

Pointing out that the auto manufacturing sector, the key to Ontario's growth for decades, is in deep trouble, Duncan said, "We need the federal government to step up (like) the way governments in Europe and the United States have with respect to the automotive sector."

Both the U.S. government and the European Union have committed billions of dollars to aid the struggling auto industry, Duncan noted.

Duncan

Flaherty (Whitby-Oshawa) is meeting with Duncan and his other provincial counterparts in Toronto this morning amid fears the federal Tories are cutting back on financial help for the provinces just when Ontario needs it most.

At stake for Ontarians are hundreds of millions of dollars in potential help from the federal government for the province as it suffers one of the worst economic downturns in modern times.

In today's meeting, Flaherty will reveal the Conservatives' plan to place a limit on what Ottawa sends to poorer provinces under one of its key revenue-sharing measures, the $13.6 billion equalization program.

Because Ontario has usually been prosperous over the years, federal taxpayers in Ontario contribute 40 per cent of the entire wealth-redistribution plan even though they have never received any of the money.

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Quebec Revenue minister resigns

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Quebec Revenue Minister Jean-Marc Fournier, left, gets well wishes from supporters after he announced he is leaving politics after 14 years yester in Chateauguay, Que. Quebec Premier Jean Charest is expected this week to call an election for some time in December.

Border cards help smugglers: Report

NEXUS Canada's border guards are skeptical about a card that fast-tracks travellers across the Canada-U.S. border, fearing it's become a "licence to smuggle," says a new report.

So-called Nexus cards were first issued in 2000, and have become a boon to frequent travellers who use them to skip long queues and get waved through Canada-U.S. customs stations.

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News in brief

SECURITY Canada may join a new, U.S.-led effort to gather and share intelligence about threats to energy and environmental security, a newly released document shows. The project is billed as a "radically different" way of understanding security matters.

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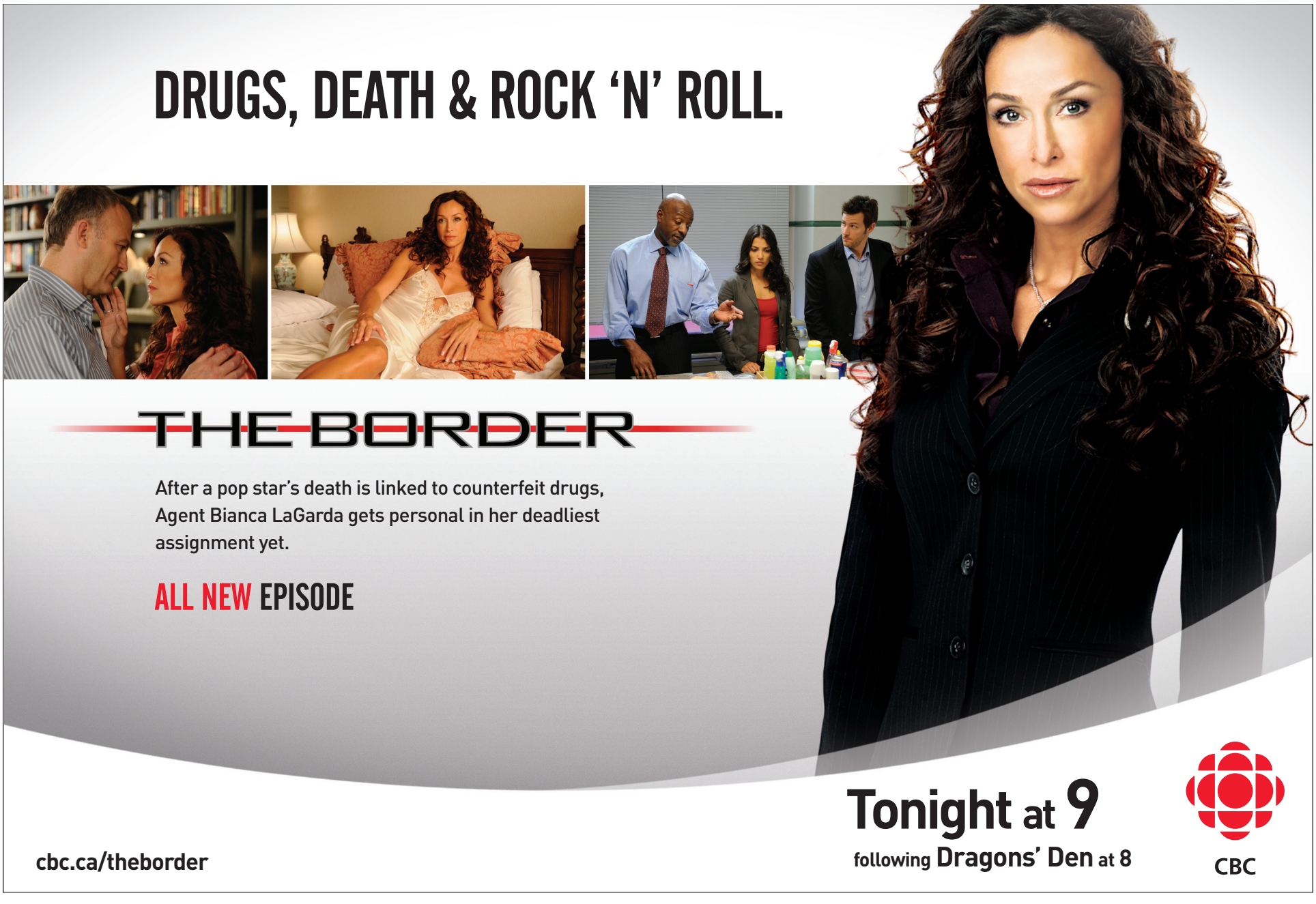

Activist turns 100
Muriel Duckworth, perhaps best known as one of the founding members of the Voice of Women, turned 100 on Oct. 31. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Duty-free shops may undergo big reforms

Radical reforms may be in store for Canada's duty-free shops, as Ottawa plans to strip away regulations and inject more competition into the lucrative sector.

Among the proposed changes are so-called "arrivals duty-free shops," at which a traveller coming into Canada could purchase cheap booze, cigarettes and other tax-exempt goods at the end of an international journey rather than the start, as is now the case.

Federal bureaucrats are also considering whether to abolish Canadian-content regulations; allow big corporations to own shops; permit more than one store at a site; and allow stores to operate at railway stations and ferry terminals.

The consumer-friendly proposals, part of a year-long review of duty-free shops, are being discussed now with airport authorities and shop operators, with final decisions expected in a few months.

"In the past year, numerous questions regarding DFS (duty-free shops) regulations and policies have arisen," says an internal memo from the Canada Border Services Agency.

Details of the recommendations and discussions were obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Background

- Duty-free shops first appeared at Canadian airports in the mid-1960s, and at land-border crossings beginning in 1982. Combined annual sales now top $300 million annually.

B.C. Third pipeline bombing causes leak

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A EnCana employee surveys the blast site of a natural gas wellhead near Tomslake, B.C. yesterday. The blast which was discovered Friday is the third explosion on the gas lines in the last two weeks. Crews are working to close a leak from the latest bombing.

Obama's half-sister married to Canuck

FAMILY Senator Barack Obama has a Canadian in his family.

His half-sister, Maya Soetoro-Ng is married to Konrad Ng, a Chinese-Canadian from Burlington, Ont., and assistant professor at the University of Hawaii.

Soetoro-Ng, 38, was born in Jakarta to an Indonesian father and grew up in Hawaii. She is a high school teacher in Honolulu. Obama also has a Kenyan half-sister on his father's side. METRO CANADA

Immigration

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Prison release mistakes 'inevitable': Professor

MANHUNTS It's "inevitable" that prisoners will be mistakenly released by authorities across the country, but that doesn't mean there is a problem with the system, says a former corrections worker turned university instructor.

"We're humans and occasionally we hit the wrong button ... and that can have effects on when a computer red flags somebody for release."
Allan Patenaude

Manhunts were recently launched in both Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia after it came to light that prisoners had been mistakenly sprung before their time was up.

But Allan Patenaude, an associate professor with the department of justice studies at the University of Regina, said human error and the sheer number of prisoners in the system means the odd case is bound to slip through the cracks.

"We're humans and occasionally we hit the wrong button or wrong keystroke or something on our computer and that can have effects on when a computer red flags somebody for release," said Patenaude.

In Saskatchewan, 10 prisoners have been "incorrectly released" from custody since May 2006 — half of those since April 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BMW heiress says she's been blackmailed for millions

Germany's richest woman, BMW heiress Susanne Klatten, claims she has been blackmailed by a man who threatened to release pictures of them together if she didn't pay him millions of dollars, her spokesman said Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Red Cross appeals for quake aid

The Red Cross appealed yesterday for $7.8 million US in emergency funds to help victims of an earthquake in southwest Pakistan, saying the priority is to provide shelter to the homeless as winter sets in. The quake hit a poverty-stricken region near the Afghan border before dawn Wednesday, leaving thousands homeless. The official death toll is 215 but likely to rise to more than 300, officials said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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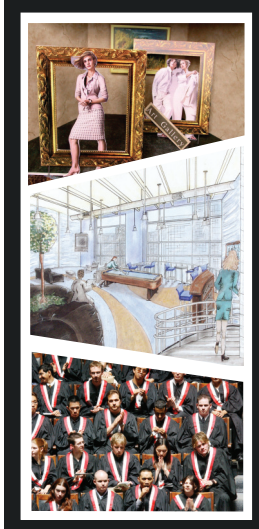

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Metro readers behind Obama

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metro life panel

According to Metro readers worldwide, yes he can. And he will.

Respondents to a recent Metro Life Panel survey overwhelmingly support Democratic candidate Barack Obama as the next U.S. president.

Three quarters of those surveyed say they hope Obama defeats Republican John McCain in tomorrow's election. About 70 per cent of Canadians surveyed back Obama. Even more Metro readers believe Obama will win: 82 per cent (80 per cent in Canada).

Whoever does win, he's got some fences to mend. A staggering 85 per cent of respondents believe the reputation of the U.S. has worsened under George W. Bush's presidency — that number rises to 92 per cent among American respondents.

But when it comes to what the next president should make his top priority — it's the economy, stupid. More than half of Metro readers say the financial crisis is the key issue for the next U.S. administration. Americans (67 per cent) and Canadians (65 per cent) feel most strongly about that.

The survey involved readers from Canada, the United States, the Netherlands, Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden and Hungary.

News in brief

OBAMA The U.S. government is investigating whether any laws were broken involving details about the disclosure that Barack Obama's aunt was living in the country illegally after being denied asylum. Obama said Saturday he did not know his aunt was living in the U.S. illegally. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRANK A Quebec comedy duo was being courted by U.S. news networks yesterday after their prank call to Sarah Palin took the Internet by storm. The two men conned her into thinking she was speaking with French President Nicolas Sarkozy over the phone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Congo **Refugees flee camps**

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A displaced woman carries her son as she walks on a road to return to her home yesterday in eastern Congo. Tutsi-led rebels have tightened their hold on swaths of eastern Congo, forcing tens of thousands of civilians out of makeshift refugee camps.

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Brother of Afghanistan's finance minister kidnapped in Pakistan
Afghan officials say gunmen in Pakistan kidnapped the brother of Afghanistan's finance minister on Friday. A Finance Ministry spokesman in Kabul says it isn't known who the kidnappers are. No demands have been made. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lies and more lies

The opposing campaigns in the 2008 U.S. presidential race have come under closer scrutiny than ever before thanks to websites such as www.politifact.com and www.factcheck.org, which analyze candidates' claims and verify them – or otherwise.

And the fact is that both Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain have been guilty of little white lies to downright going-to-hell-in-a-handcart whoppers. Here are examples.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

McCain

1 **When:** July 3, July 8, July 14, Aug. 12, Sept. 12, Sept. 18.
Claim: Obama favours higher taxes and increased public spending.
Wild claim: Obama wants to raise taxes for anyone on more than $32,000 US and has voted 94 times for tax increases.
FACTCHECK:
Most earning under $250,000 a year would see taxes fall. Of the 94 votes, 23 were against tax cuts, not for tax raises; and seven would have produced lower taxes.

2 **When:** June 5, Aug. 27.
Claim: Obama blocked a vote labelling Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization; he declared the Iran threat "tiny."
FACTCHECK:
Obama co-sponsored a bill calling the Revolutionary Guard a terrorist group; and Obama actually said Iran was a "tiny" threat compared to Russia. McCain left that bit out.

3 **When:** Sept. 4, Sept. 12, Sept. 22.
Claim: Sarah Palin said she had opposed, all along, the Bridge to Nowhere in Alaska.
Wild claim: Palin said, "Thanks, but no thanks."
FACTCHECK:
Palin supported the project during her run for governor. She still received all the funds for the bridge, but could spend them as she liked.

Obama

1 **When:** Sept. 19, Sept. 20.
Claim: McCain will cut your social security.
Wild claim: Obama says McCain wants to cut benefits in half, that McCain wants to invest retirement funds in the stock market and elderly women would starve because of recent stock market turmoil.
FACTCHECK:
Existing retirees would be unaffected. In fact, no one born before 1950 would be touched.

2 **When:** July 14, Aug. 14.
Claim: Obama said he would fast-track alternatives to imported oil.
Wild claim: If Americans properly inflated their tires, it would save as much oil as offshore drilling would produce.
FACTCHECK:
The fast-track is a ten-year research fund. That's all. And the tire claim is sheer bunkum.

3 **When:** April 29
Claim: McCain wants U.S. troops to remain in Iraq for 100 years.
FACTCHECK:
McCain was referring to peacetime, as in Korea and Japan.

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Comment

It's a mag, mag world in winter

HineSight

Anne Hines

November. Time to participate in some traditional Canadian winter activities.

Such as complaining and checking out immigration opportunities in Bermuda.

The key to getting through winter is to get outside and do something enjoyable. I favour a nice brisk run to the store to grab some magazines and then hole up for the duration.

I once read a stunning statistic that said the average Canadian reads more magazines per year than … well … people who don't read as many. So today, I bought my stash.

First up, a glossy money management magazine. The lead article advises me to "Put all disposable assets into buying discounted stocks." I would do that, but I just used them to buy the magazine.

Women's magazines are often accused of being solely obsessed with weight loss. This is untrue. The one I bought was also obsessed with sex.

A women's monthly had the usual piece on "the secret to keeping off the weight." I always think these articles should be titled, "Never eat anything you really like ever again."

Women's magazines are often accused of being solely obsessed with weight loss. This is untrue. The one I bought was also obsessed with sex. How to do it, when to do it, who to do it with. In my life that kind of list usually pertains to a car pool. I did enjoy the article "Money can't buy happiness" which would have been even better if it weren't followed by a 10-page spread of the trendiest bags and accessories that assure you it absolutely can.

A high fashion rag featured Brooke Shields wearing "Fabulous Holiday Party Fashions."

It never bothers me that that I don't own any of those gorgeous clothes. It occasionally bothers me that I'd have nowhere to wear them if I did.

A psychology review offered tips for improving your memory. The key is to focus on what you're doing. Concentrate. At least I think it was … I kind of lost interest part way through. What I want to know is why can I remember all the words to the Gilligan's Island theme song but not the grocery list I made out 10 minutes before I left for the store.

Finally, a health magazine promised, "Reading this will make you feel better." The solution is, incredibly, eat properly, exercise and get enough sleep.

This would have made me feel better if I hadn't spent $8.99 for what my mother keeps telling me for free. They also gave, "Ten Coping Strategies for Making It Through Winter."

Tip # 1? Buy magazines.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Views

No easy solutions for youth violence

By Christine Williams

On Oct. 21, 14-year-old Rajiv Dharamdial took a shortcut home from school in Brampton through a field when he was attacked and stabbed. The youngster dialed 9-1-1 for help and gave police important clues to help find his youth killers, but he didn't make it.

Rajiv's aunt railed against a justice system that she called lax with youth criminals. She isn't alone as citizens across the country are increasingly outraged by violent crimes, linked to gangs. Ironically, a week before Rajiv's burial, the court case began, involving the murder of innocent 15-year-old Jane Creba, gunned down in broad daylight while shopping on Toronto's busiest street on Boxing Day in 2005, highlighting yet another dramatic tragedy of youth violence.

Christine Williams

Out-of-control violence is no respecter of persons, nor place. Take, for instance, last weekend's suspected gang-related shootout inside a Calgary strip mall restaurant, killing a man and woman in their 20s. It's time to quit the politicking about banning handguns as a solution. Criminals don't obey gun bans. Canada already has strict regulations on gun ownership, which included the expansion of the gun registry in the mid-'90s.

Some government programs seem to be a step in the right direction. In September, former federal minister of public safety Stockwell Day announced $5 million in funding out of a $33-million National Crime Prevention Strategy — for a project aimed at preventing and reducing gang activity in Toronto. Ontario has also funded community-based mentoring programs. And, in Edmonton, which is now the gang-related murder capital of Canada, police have re-iterated calls for a preventative solution.

Most perpetrators of deadly violence are poor youth with gang affiliations, whose families are in desperate need of education and mentorship. Many are trapped in a vicious cycle of children having more children. Take for example, the horrific shooting of 18-year-old Amon Beckles in 2005 at a Finch-area Toronto church. He was attending the funeral of his friend who was also gunned down. Amon was a father.

Like Amon, many victims of gang crimes are involved in gangs, so mainstream society understandably empathizes more when a knife or bullet kills young innocents. If we toughen penalties, then they need to be combined with mandatory rehabilitation strategies to lower the rate of recidivism. But the best hope is prevention.

Kudos to the dedicated individuals within high-risk communities who are working tirelessly on the front lines by mentoring and educating.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.

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Business

Ted Rogers recovering

There are reports that self-made cable TV mogul Ted Rogers, who was admitted to hospital Friday for an existing heart condition, is showing signs of improvement. Rogers, the 75-year-old founder of Rogers Communication, is at a clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Jeffrey Bezos, Amazon.com Inc.	$9.2	$5.7
Rupert Murdoch, News Corp.	$6.9	$3.0

SOURCE: Steven Hall Partners AP

World changing: Murdoch

China, India setting competitiveness targets, tycoon says

Rupert Murdoch says the ongoing metamorphosis of China and India from historic backwaters into economic powers will reshape the world in the next few decades.

The media tycoon gave an upbeat assessment of the future and made a vigorous case for free markets despite troubled economic times and what he called "naked, heartless aggression" in the world.

He said China and India are great countries whose people are only recently emerging from long histories of being "incarcerated by communism or caste." The rise of their economies is creating a new middle class that would be three billion strong within 30 years and is setting a new benchmark for global competitiveness, he said.

"The world has never seen this kind of advance before," Murdoch said. "These are people who have known deprivation. These are people who are intent on developing their skills, improving their lives and showing the world what they can do."

"The world has never seen this kind of advance before."
Rupert Murdoch

In an interview published in The Weekend Australian on Saturday, Murdoch said governments have only limited power to fix the financial crisis, though they could make it worse.

Murdoch warned that a rise in protectionism in the United States "could add to all sorts of tensions in the world financial system and the world trading system and eventually all the way down to employment."

Murdoch's New York-based conglomerate includes Twentieth Century Fox, Fox News Channel, Dow Jones & Co. as well as newspaper stables in Australia and Britain and the online networking site MySpace.

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Gulf states may offer more help

CRISIS British Prime Minister Gordon Brown's tour of the Persian Gulf appeared to be paying dividends yesterday amid signs that Saudi Arabia and Qatar were willing to increase their cooperation to contain the global credit crisis.

After meeting with Saudi King Abdullah, Brown said he was confident the kingdom would contribute to the International Monetary Fund's reserves to bail out countries.

Qatari Prime Minister Sheik Hamad bin Jassem Al Thani said his country was keen to work together with other countries.

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Challenge law, Ottawa urged

Beef and pork producers want Ottawa to start trade actions against the United States over a new law that is starting to shut their livestock out of U.S. markets.

Since Washington's country of origin labelling law went into effect on Oct. 1, a growing number of meat plants in the U.S. are refusing to accept Canadian cattle and hogs for processing.

The meat producers want federal government to challenge the U.S. law under the North American Free Trade Agreement and World Trade Organization rules. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In brief

GUN MAKER The board of directors for Cooper Firearms of Montana asked the company's president Dan Cooper, who co-founded the gun manufacturer, to resign after word that he supports Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama led to calls on pro-gun websites to boycott its products. Cooper told USA Today he had resigned to protect the employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Province opposes new nuke plants

REACTORS Proposed plans by Bruce Power to build two new nuclear reactors at the former Stelco lands in Nanticoke in southwestern Ontario has met with strong opposition from the Ontario government.

Bruce has an option to buy the land from Pittsburgh-based U.S. Steel, which bought out Stelco, but it won't actually purchase the lands before the environmental assessment is completed.

Energy and Infrastructure Minister George Smitherman made it clear the province is not behind Bruce Power's plans.

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Green Riders to host Lions

Michael Bishop and the Saskatchewan Roughriders will host the B.C. Lions in the first round of the CFL playoffs next weekend after the Lions dropped a 41-30 decision to Calgary Saturday night. Saskatchewan cemented second spot in the West Division by virtue of the Stampeders' win. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Palmer wins by one

Ryan Palmer, left, rallied from a rules mistake and pulled himself out of a seven-way tie to win the PGA Tour Ginn sur Mer Classic yesterday. Palmer, who was at No. 143 on the money list, had to call a penalty on himself and made bogey on the 10th hole, then took double bogey on the next hole with a tee shot into the water. Palmer finished the tournament at 7-under. Five others tied for second at 6-under. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Leafs fall to Hurricanes

NHL RECAP

Hurricanes 6 Leafs 4

VS

THE SKINNY: Tuomo Ruutu had a goal and an assist, and the Carolina Hurricanes scored three times in less than four minutes during the second period yesterday in Carolina.

THE BREAK OUT: Entering as the league's third-worst team on the power play, the Hurricanes scored three times in six chances with the man advantage and matched their best offensive output of the season — the 6-4 victory over Florida on Oct. 10 in the opener.

THE QUOTE: "We're in every game. We're one shot away or one save away," said backup goalie Curtis Joseph, winless in three outings this season.

THE GOALIES: Backup Michael Leighton made 29 saves in his first home victory for the Hurricanes. Joseph struggled in net for Toronto, stopping just 24 shots to remain winless this season.

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Carolinas' Tuomo Ruutu and Toronto's Mike Van Ryn, left, battle as Maple Leafs goalie Curtis Joseph (31) deflects the puck during the Leafs' 6-4 loss yesterday in Raleigh, N.C.

THE LEAF SCORERS: Mikhail Grabovski scored two goals less than four minutes apart, Niklas Hagman had a goal and an assist, Ian White also scored and Nikolai Kulemin had two assists for the Maple Leafs.

THE NEXT GAME: The Leafs host Carolina tomorrow night in a rematch at the Air Canada Centre. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Titans still undefeated

NFL ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL The Tennessee Titans remained perfect — even if they needed a little extra time to stay that way.

Rob Bironas got a second chance at redemption in overtime, kicking a 41-yard field goal with 9:36 to go that kept the Titans the NFL's last unbeaten team with a 19-16 victory over the Green Bay Packers yesterday.

Bironas had a chance to win in regulation, but banged a 47-yarder off the upright, prompting the All-Pro to yank his facemask down in anger at himself.

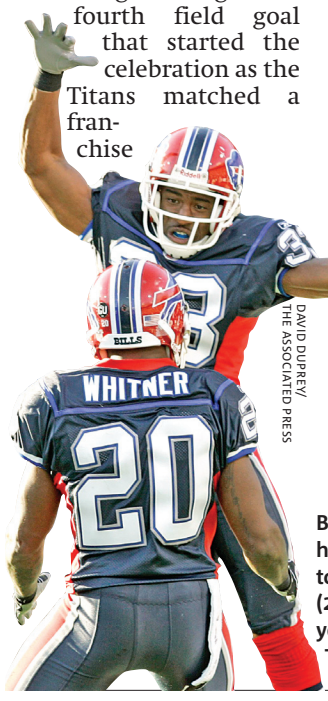
But the Titans (8-0) won the toss and drove 55 yards in 10 plays to give Bironas another chance. Going out on third-and-1, he swung through his fourth field goal that started the celebration as the Titans matched a franchise record by winning their 11th straight regular-season game.

Bengals 21 Jaguars 19 — At Cincinnati, Ryan Fitzpatrick threw a pair of touchdown passes to Chad Ocho Cinco, who celebrated the second one by giving the head coach a kiss, and the Bengals stopped a late 2-point conversion try to preserve their first victory.

Jets 26 Bills 17 — At Orchard Park, N.Y., Abram Elam, starting in place of injured safety Eric Smith, returned an interception thrown by Trent Edwards 92 yards for a touchdown, sparking the New York Jets' victory over the bumbling Buffalo Bills.

Bears 27 Lions 23 — At Chicago, Rex Grossman came off the bench to replace injured quarterback Kyle Orton and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 5:36 left, helping the Bears rally from a 10-point deficit for a victory over the winless Detroit Lions.

Bucs 30 Chiefs 27 (OT) — At Kansas City, Mo., Jeff Garcia's 24-yard touchdown pass and 2-point conversion toss tied it with 19 seconds left, and Matt Bryant's 33-yard field goal in overtime gave the Buccaneers a win after they trailed by 21. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Buffalo's Jabari Greer celebrates his interception for a touchdown with Donte Whitner (20) against the New York Jets yesterday in Orchard Park, N.Y. The Jets won 26-17.

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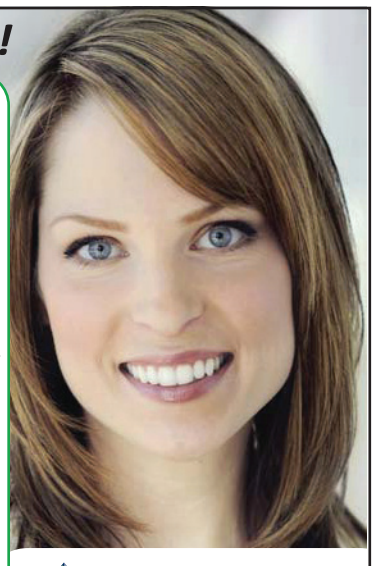

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Brodeur's streak to end tonight
Devils goalie Martin Brodeur will miss at least one game with a bruised elbow, ending a career-high streak of 51 regular-season starts. The team said Brodeur will not start today against the Buffalo Sabres after being injured Saturday in a 6-1 win over Atlanta. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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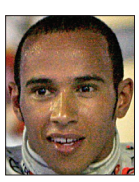
McLaren-Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton, of Britain, speeds his car into a turn during the Brazilian Formula One Grand Prix at the Interlagos race track in Sao Paulo yesterday. Hamilton finished fifth and won the 2008 Formula One driver's championship by one point.

Youngest champ yet

Lewis Hamilton of McLaren became Formula One's youngest champion yesterday, making a pass on the final turn of the last lap to finish fifth in the Brazilian Grand Prix and win the title by one point over Felipe Massa.

Ferrari's Massa won the race in front of his home crowd, but it wasn't enough to erase the seven-point lead Hamilton held entering the season-ending race.

Just one year after Hamilton lost the title by one point after starting the final race with a seven-point lead, the 23-year-old Briton passed Toyota's Timo Glock on the last lap to win the championship. Fernando Alonso was 24 when he won the title in 2005 for Renault.



Lewis Hamilton

Hamilton fell to sixth place after being overtaken by Toro Rosso's Sebastian Vettel with two laps to go. After Vettel passed Glock, Hamilton also moved up one spot and finished the season with 98 points.

"I am speechless," Hamilton said. "It's been a long journey in which I had the support of many people. My team did a fantastic job during the entire year and we sacrificed ourselves a lot. I am happy for having achieved this for all of us."

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Team Canada may lose logo for Olympics

OLYMPICS Team Canada may be forced to play without its familiar Maple Leaf logo at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, the victim of an International Olympic Committee rule that is only now being enforced.

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Kung takes Kolon Championship
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Bolton downs Man City

Bolton scored twice in the last 13 minutes yesterday to climb out of the Premier League relegation zone with a 2-0 win over visiting Manchester City.

Bolton had missed several chances, but refused to settle for a draw that would still have lifted it above Newcastle on goal difference and substitute Ricardo Gardner met a cross from the right for his first league goal since December 2002.

In other action, Nicolas Anelka hit a hat trick Saturday to help Chelsea beat visiting Sunderland 5-0 and take the Premier League lead from Liverpool, which lost 2-1 at Tottenham for its first loss of this season.

Arsenal's poor week continued with a humiliating 2-1 loss at Stoke — which let defending champion Manchester United take third place with a 4-3 win over visiting Hull.

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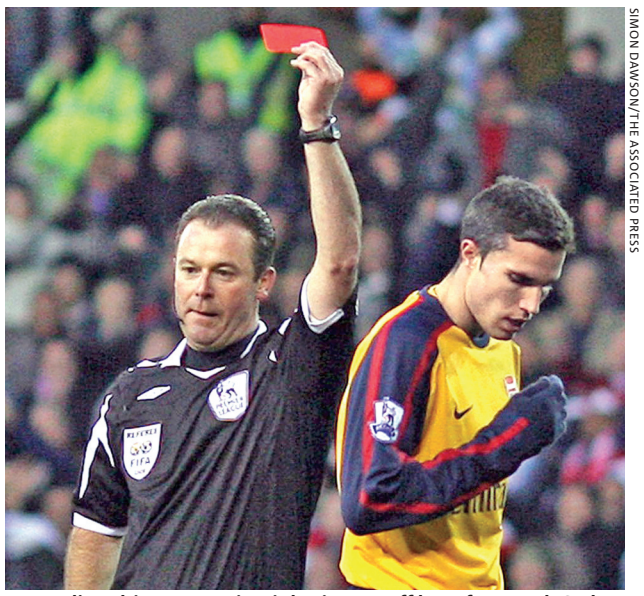

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Arsenal's Robin van Persie, right, is sent off by referee Rob Styles during Arsenal's 2-1 loss to Stoke City at Stoke.

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Going Green

The sleep factor

Screensavers don't save electricity. Instead, set your computer to go into sleep mode when you aren't actively using it. That can cut your power consumption by five times, according to The Carbon Buster's Home Energy Handbook.
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When regulatory structure fails

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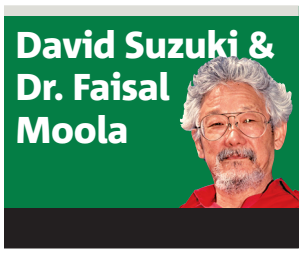

Consensus is growing that the failure of governments to effectively regulate the banking sector is largely responsible for the huge economic mess we're now facing. Throughout the past few decades, those who were entrusted to protect the public interest have accepted as gospel the idea that governments should get out of the way and let markets self-regulate, with disastrous results.

Unfortunately, that ideology has infiltrated our governments' thinking beyond the financial markets. At the heart of many of our most pressing environmental crises is the same belief that governments should abandon their regulatory responsibilities and allow the private sector to get on with business.

I was reminded of this regulatory failure in early October when TransCanada Corporation, one of the world's largest pipeline companies, was granted rubber-stamp approval for a massive gas pipeline across northern Alberta. The pipeline will eventually bring natural gas from the Canadian north over to the Fort McMurray area, where it will be used to fuel further tar sands exploitation.

At the heart of many ... environmental crises is the same belief that governments should abandon their regulatory responsibilities and allow the private sector to get on with business.

The pipeline will cross lands belonging to the Lubicon Lake Indian Nation, a small aboriginal community that has fought for decades to have its ancestral lands in the boreal woodlands of northern Alberta recognized and protected. Throughout that time, the Lubicon have seen their traditional way of life eroded as their lands have been leased out to oil and gas companies at a breathtaking pace. They've seen more than 2,000 oil and gas well sites, 32,000 kilometres of seismic lines, and more than 2,000 kilometres of roads pushed through their forests.

The Lubicon Nation is concerned that the new pipeline will not bring long-term benefits to the community, but will instead bring more feeder lines, more clearing, and more gas exploration and other industrial activity that will further fragment and degrade their once-rich hunting and trapping grounds in the boreal forest.

I have followed the Lubicon struggle with great interest. They were a people who lived traditionally off the land until the 1970s when they discovered that development — seismic lines, electrical lines, roads, etc. — was beginning to have an impact on their territory. They chose to fight the plans of the multinational Japanese paper company Daishowa Inc. to clearcut their boreal forests, and for years, they worked tirelessly to protect their land.

Not once but four times now the United Nations has chastised Canada for failing to resolve the Lubicon land-rights dispute, calling what is happening to the Lubicon an abuse of their human rights under international covenants. In August, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination wrote to Canada, saying there are "doubts as to whether the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Utilities Commission may legitimately authorize the construction of a pipeline across Lubicon Territory without prior Lubicon consent."

The struggle is not new. From Haida Gwaii to Lubicon to Grassy Narrows and countless other aboriginal communities, First Nations people have stood up against powerful industrial interests and indifferent governments.

Ultimately the Lubicon's struggle is about keeping all of us safe. The responsibility of governments to protect the environment hasn't received the same attention from politicians as the recent financial collapse, but in the long run environmental deregulation by government threatens to do a lot more damage to our economies, the health of our ecosystems, and our well-being.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

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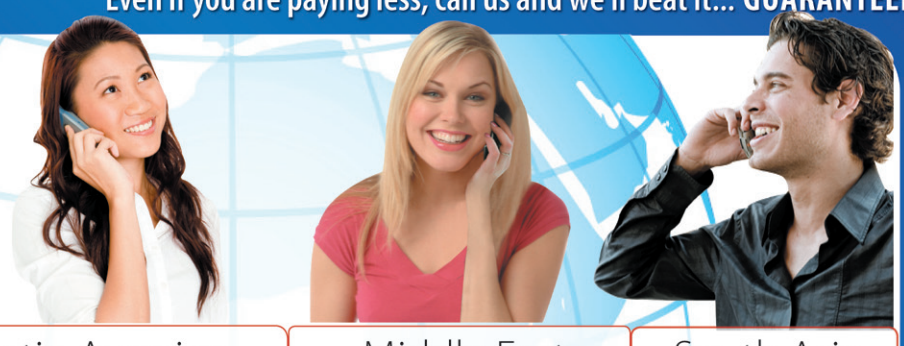

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A shot of green for patient care

It's being touted as the first full-scale concept room of its kind, and one that its creators hope will offer those in the health-care field insight on how to inject a dose of green into a patient's space.

The Green Patient Room is the brainchild of U.S. architectural practice Anshen and Allen, who wanted to create a space that would minimize the impact on the natural environment while fulfilling the patient's need for a safe and comfortable sanctuary.

Incorporating eco-friendly materials into the design was key to greening the 37-square-metre patient room, which was on display at the recent IIDEX/NeoCon Canada expo and conference in Toronto.

Several products contain recycled content, including the porcelain flooring in the bathroom, the polyester chair and ottoman and paper items. In addition, the room has energy efficient LED lighting and touchless faucets geared towards promoting water conservation.

The room even incorporates a designated zone for families designed to encourage frequent and longer visits, including a sofa bed made of lumber from responsibly managed forests and free from CFCs in production.

But lead designer Suzanne Drake of the San Francisco-based operation said the project wasn't solely focused on green finishes, but also on creating sustainable design.

She points to the addition of modular cabinets, which refers to items composed of standardized units or sections for easy construction or flexible arrangement.

"The cabinetry as it's actually installed, there's nothing particularly green about the material itself, but the concept of the modular cabinet is what's green about it," Drake said following her presentation at the conference.

"Because you have the material efficiency at the factory, you have the cleaner installation, you don't have lots of scrap pieces that are being cut inside. When they renovate, (when) they move it around, they're not throwing it away and starting from scratch each time ... It's flexible, so the lifetime of it is extended."

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The Green Patient Room, as shown at the recent IIDEX/NeoCon Canada show in Toronto, is being touted as the first full-scale concept room of its kind, and one that its creators hope will offer those in the health-care field insight on how to inject a dose of green into a patient's space.

Drake said while the room wasn't designed as a prototype, they wanted the space to be one individuals could use to visualize components they could potentially apply to greening their health-care facilities.

Milton Gardner, principal with Kasian Architecture Interior Design and Planning, has been focusing his efforts on the health-care arena for a number of years, and is the principal-in-charge of the Calgary South Health Campus, a health-care facility with a sustainability focus slated to open in 2011.

He said in the last few years, clients have become increasingly attuned to sustainability, but there is still a lack of knowledge and understanding of what that would mean in one's life.

Part of the fundamental philosophy of his current project is working towards making the building robust, he said.

"If you're assuming a structure is going to last for 100 years, then you need a structure that is sufficiently robust that it can deal with major renovations," Gardner said.

"If you can develop a mechanical system that will last 25 years, that is good... you need a mechanical system that you can upgrade with minimal disruption to the operation of the hospital because that's what will help it be sustainable long-term."

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Habs worship

In January, the Université de Montreal's theology faculty will offer a course on the relationship between religion and the Montreal Canadiens. The hockey team has several religious connotations, such as its French nickname Sainte-Flanelle (the Holy Flannel). METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Just be your ornery, angry, difficult self

OddJobs

One afternoon, in the bush outside Kingston, Ont., Vesna Saric blockaded the road with a pile of rocks and demanded money for her two dead sheep.

The soldier she was speaking to through an interpreter did his best to calm her down, kindly refuse her requests for money and eventually get her to clear the road.

Half an hour later, it was over. Another successful military training exercise complete. The soldier learned a little about dealing with civilians in difficult situations and Saric simply had fun doing her job.

As a military role player, Saric, 53, has done dozens of these types of simulations to help members of the Canadian Armed Forces learn to negotiate and communicate with locals in the countries they're visiting.

Saric is Bosnian and was an Arabic/Serbo-Croatian interpreter in her home country and in the Middle East. But the after-effects of war made her decide to immigrate to Canada, and she moved to Ottawa in 2002.

Vesna Saric trains soldiers not to need to use violence in tough situations.

Through an agency, she started doing part-time work for the Department of National Defence, briefing military staff on Bosnian culture.

Two years later, she was asked to help gather a group of Bosnians to act as role players for a training exercise. They headed off to Kingston for five days. In the ten different scenarios they staged, Saric and her fellow role players pretended to be villagers, chiefs of police and hospital administrators. "They're not actors. The only big requirement is that they play themselves," says Saric.

Although the days were long and the exercises had to be repeated for every soldier doing the training (one actor would do the part a handful of times and then another would step in), the work was fun. All the role players had to do was follow a very basic script, be helpful if the soldier did things right and become increasingly difficult if he or she was rude or broke a cultural rule. Even if different actors played the same role in a vastly different way, that was fine: soldiers were going to meet all kinds of people while on deployment.

Saric has just completed her master's in political science at Carleton University and is looking for a new job that suits her skills. She still helps organize training scenarios, and recruits people to role-play locals from Afghanistan, Somalia, Haiti and Sudan — places Canadian forces are deployed today. With few Canadian solders in Bosnia today, she just participates in sessions where various ethnicities are needed, and does it about twice a month. That's fine: she still gets to be herself.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Military Role Player
Education/training: You must be able to follow a simple script and basic instructions in English — but otherwise talk in your native tongue and be yourself
Best Part of the Job: "It's very big fun. It's also nice to help soldiers learn to communicate with people who are not native English speakers."
Worst Part of the Job: "Waking up at 4 a.m. to be on the job in Kingston at 8 a.m."

Best to steer clear of the rumour mill

OFFICE WORKPLACE They say "loose lips sink ships" — and most executives concur, a new survey suggests. Eighty-four per cent of marketing and advertising executives said it's common for employees to engage in office gossip, and nearly two-thirds (63 per cent) said it has a negative effect on the workplace.

In the study, developed by The Creative Group, advertising and marketing executives were asked, "In your opinion, how common is it for employees to engage in office gossip?" Their responses:

- Very common, 41 per cent;
- Somewhat common, 43 per cent;
- Not very common, 14 per cent;
- Not at all common, one per cent.

Respondents were also asked, "Do you think office gossip has a positive or negative effect on the workplace?" Their responses:

- Very positive, one per cent;
- Somewhat positive, 9 per cent;
- Neither positive nor negative, 27 per cent;
- Somewhat negative, 38 per cent;
- Very negative, 25 per cent.

"Gossip occurs in every workplace, but in times of economic uncertainty rumours can become more prevalent and negative in tone," said Megan Slabinski, executive director of The Creative Group. "Employees may speculate about changes within their firms, and staff members who question their job security might spread rumors about coworkers with whom they feel competitive."

Slabinski noted that open communication is the best defence for an overactive rumour mill. "Sharing information quickly and candidly can prevent employees from speculating," said Slabinski. "It's especially important during times of change to address concerns directly."

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Tips

The Creative Group offers these additional tips to help managers curb office gossip:

- Check in. Visit one-on-one with staff members. Professionals may be more inclined to share concerns in an informal setting.
- Keep doors open. Workers become anxious when managers speak behind closed doors and in hushed tones. Try to maintain as much accessibility as possible. Consider discussing sensitive issues in less visible locations.
- Pick out bad apples. If there's a single employee who continually spreads negative rumours or gossip, quickly address the issue with that person.
- Lead by example. Avoid saying anything about others that you wouldn't say to them personally, and let employees know that you expect the same of them.

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Ontario deficit signals cautious PSE spending
The Ontario government recently announced it will run a $500-million deficit, meaning that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities will proceed with caution before earmarking any new Post Secondary Education projects. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Humber hits on all-time high

Record enrolment for Toronto school good news in trying economic times

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

In a disparaging economy, one all but expects cut backs and layoffs. But even though less jobs should mean less demand for employees, one Toronto college has found a silver lining amid the financial slump.

Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning recently reported its enrolment has reached a record high. This year the school's student body exceeded 8,500 pupils; a 10.8 per cent increase over 2007. And an all-time high for Humber means it also has the highest level of enrolment among its provincial college competitors.

"It's not so much program areas ... (it's) the mix of different credentials we offer that people are very interested in ... That's attractive." Humber's Barb Riach

That's important when it comes to slicing the public sector pie, according to Toby Fletcher, associate dean of Humber's School of Media Studies and Information Technology.

"It's very competitive among the colleges for the scarce resources," said Fletcher. "The Ontario government, quite rightly, has signalled there may not be as much money in the next go-around for the public sector. The fact that we're a little bit ahead on that will certainly put us in a good position."

Fletcher's division exceeded the college's average increase, with a 13 per cent rise this year. One of the leading student spikes Fletcher cites was in the creative advertising program, resulting in a bachelor of applied arts degree, which admitted 58 per cent more students this year.

Such increases are a result of offering those types of new degrees, in addition to the traditional college certificates and diplomas, according to Humber associate registrar Barb Riach.

"It's not so much program areas, but it seems to be the mix of different credentials we offer that people are very interested in … That's attractive for students and for parents who want to see lots of opportunity for their children." said Riach.

And for young people who are graduating one year earlier from high school and may be unsure of their path, Riach said Humber designed many of these degree programs with a common first two years, to prolong specialization. She cites Humber's business degree programs, new this year, as examples.

"A student may apply and be admitted to business administration but should they choose to switch to marketing, they can do that. They're not missing any courses and they're not going to have to invest additional time to catch up."

Riach said the programs' flexibility is attractive for incoming students, wary of being locked in. "That gives students some open doors, even after they've been admitted to the college."

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Garth not returning to Melrose Place
Actress Jennie Garth has refused to return to Melrose Place for a planned remake of the hit TV series. "I don't want to do it," she says. IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Spidey scribe
Pulitzer Prize winner David Lindsay-Abaire, the man behind the hit show Rabbit Hole, is in talks to write the screenplay for Spider-Man 4. IMDB.COM

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weekend box office

Estimated ticket sales at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **High School Musical 3: Senior Year:** $15 million US
2. **Zack and Miri Make a Porno:** $10.7 million
3. **Saw V:** $10.1 million
4. **Changeling:** $9.4 million
5. **The Haunting of Molly Hartley:** $6 million
6. **Beverly Hills Chihuahua:** $4.7 million
7. **The Secret Life of Bees:** $4 million
8. **Max Payne:** $3.7 million
9. **Eagle Eye:** $3.4 million
10. **Pride And Glory:** $3.3 million

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Memory lane

Author Anne Enright revisits old material

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Most of us, if we're truthful, look at old pictures of ourselves and cringe a bit. The same can be said of writers revisiting their words.

"It's really hard to read old work," said author Anne Enright. "Essentially, yes — you'd go back and do it all again. And the other thing is, you can't do it all again because you're 10 years older. You're a different person."

Enright, winner of last year's Man Booker Prize for her novel The Gathering, has taken a look back through her prose. Yesterday's Weather is a retrospective collection of short stories being released in North America for the first time. Its tales of love and family are presented in reverse chronological order.

Anne Enright

"It was a very amusing thing to do, and I thought actually that people might forgive the earlier stories," Enright said with a laugh. "Or they might go, 'Oh God, she's really gone off!'"

In the stories, the Dublin writer reveals both sides of her characters: We see their social interaction, as well as what's going in the limitless expanse of their thoughts.

"They're mostly about ordinary women who have an extraordinary inner life," Enright said. "That's how I phrase it. They have small lives and large thoughts, which I think is basically what we all have, one way or another."

Enright assumes various perspectives in her stories. There's a wife who lives with a promiscuous husband; a daughter whose parents find new life on a vacation cruise; and a new mother overwhelmed by her in-laws in the title story.

"I get a very strong response from that, I really do. Especially from men — funnily enough"

Enright said some people believe the stories are autobiographical. Not her.

"A lot of the characters in that collection are versions of people who aren't me," she said.

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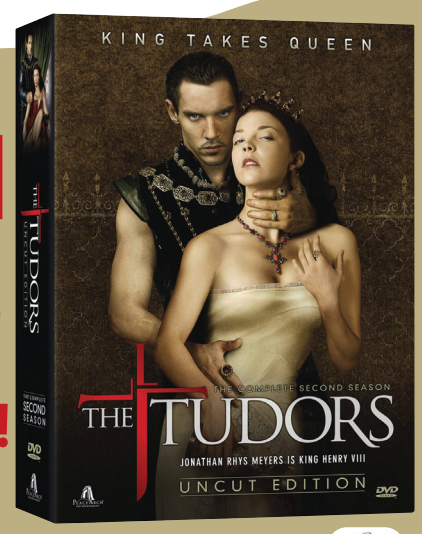

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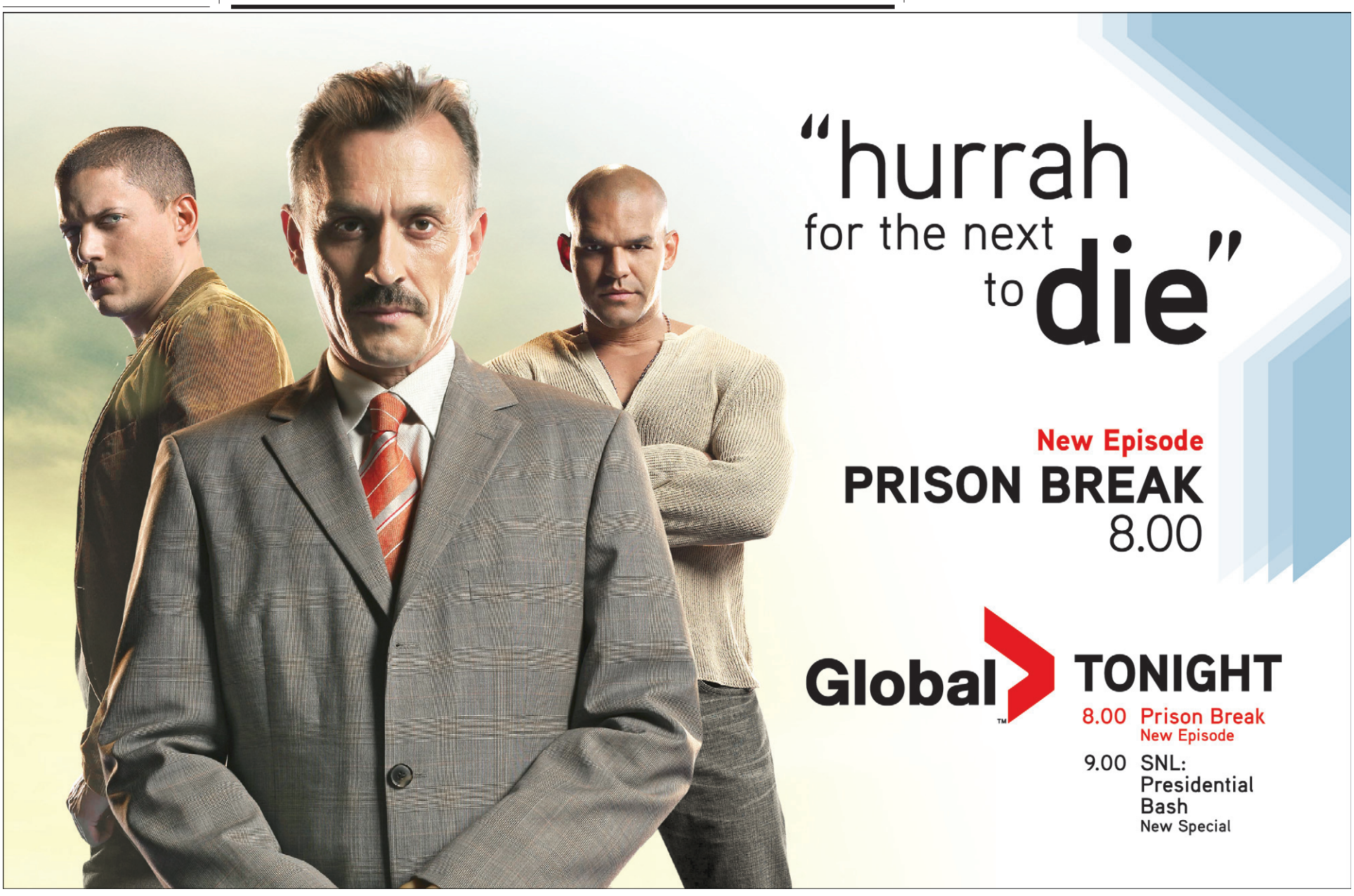

Jackson 4?
Pop star Michael Jackson has ruled out a Jackson 5 reunion. Recent reports had the Jackson brothers — Michael, Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Randy and Marlon — planning a world tour next year with their singer sister Janet Jackson. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Just a been-there, done-that haunting

The Haunting of Molly Hartley

Director: Mickey Liddell
Stars: Haley Bennett, Jake Weber, Chace Crawford
Classification: 14A
Rating: ½

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Everyone knows the drill, the horror-movie drill. Things seem to be going along smoothly, then — boo! — the usually innocuous surprise, like a bark from a dog or a tap on the shoulder from a friend.

Used sparingly, this horror-movie device can be fun and effective.

It heightens tension then immediately releases it — sometimes you can hear the sighs of relief in the theatre. It's part of the reason why we enjoy the horror-movie ride.

But used too frequently, this device becomes predictable and, eventually, boring. That's what happens in The Haunting of Molly Hartley, a choppy, disjointed movie short on scares and story.

It's like they couldn't wait to make a movie, so they plowed ahead with the production without developing a plot.

The script is lazy: Stuff happens that isn't connected, you can see some events coming a mile away, and — worst of all — an amoral, baffling ending that explains nothing.

We're expected to be satisfied knowing that, OK, this is bad stuff over here, good stuff over here. Don't sweat the details.

The cast is fine. Haley Bennett, who plays Molly Hartley, is believable as the sexy, subdued student hiding a lot. Jake Weber plays Molly's father, Robert Hartley.

He reprises his role from TV's Medium, playing the sensitive, caring dad. Heartthrob Chace Crawford portrays Molly's romantic interest, Joseph Young.

There's not much range in the role, but Crawford fills it dreamily. But despite solid, likeable performances, everything The Haunting of Molly Hartley tries to do has been done better previously in other movies.

Haley Bennett plays the title character Molly Hartley in this rather predictable horror movie.

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Love, loss at Red Lobster

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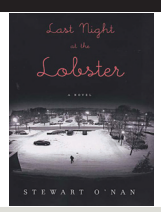
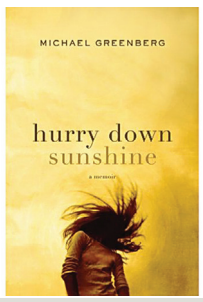


Last Night at **The Lobster**

Author: Stewart O'Nan
Publisher: Penguin Books
Price: $14.50 (Paperback)

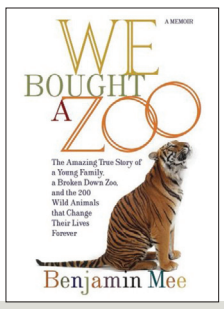
Manny DeLeon is stuck between a fish and an olive. Well, not literally. He's the manager of a Red Lobster in New England that is being forced to close its doors. Not only does that mean Manny is out of a job he's inordinately attached to, but he's being bumped down to assistant manager and transferred to the Olive Garden. Add that to his romance woes — he's struggling between his past lover Jacquie and girlfriend Deena. In Last Night at the Lobster, Manny has one night to keep himself together in spite of what he's got to lose.



Hurry Down Sunshine: **A Memoir**

Author: Michael Greenberg
Publisher: HarperCollins
Price: $29.95 (Hardcover)

When somebody is "struck mad," changing her life and personality, who is the first person you think of? Not likely a 15-year-old girl. But that was the wearisome experience of Michael Greenberg's daughter Sally that began in the summer of 1996. In Hurry Down Sunshine, Greenberg recalls the manic bout in detail. He describes how Sally began to go mad from the beginning and how, as a father, there was little he could do to help her. Greenberg leaves no stone unturned in his vividly personal account of mental illness.



We Bought a Zoo: **A Memoir**

Author: Benjamin Mee
Publisher: Doubleday Canada
Price: $29.95 (Hardcover)

When the Dartmoor Wildlife Park in southwest England was forced to shut down in 2006, Benjamin Mee found opportunity. He moved his family to the zoo to take up residence. With a dream of reopening the zoo, Mee et. al struggled through animal and human barriers, including the death of Mee's wife due to a brain tumour. In We Bought a Zoo, Mee's journey is communicated through reflection and characterization of the animals, leading to the triumphant 2007 opening of the Dartmoor Zoological Park.

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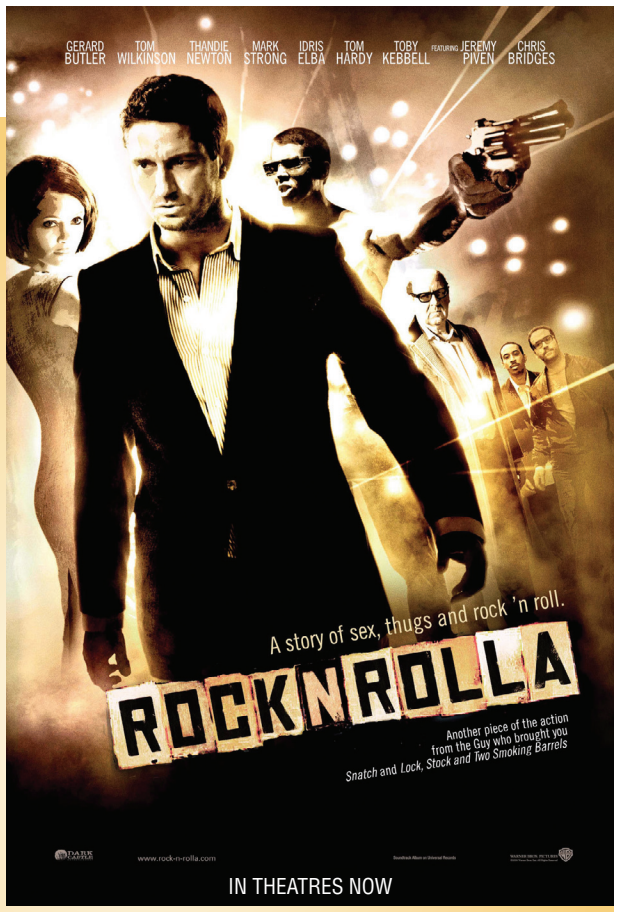

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Evidence of network desperation

THE LIVING AND THE DEAD
Either everybody was wrong about Kath & Kim, or the networks are more desperate than anyone thought to keep the airwaves buzzing.

Last week, I reported that the buzz about the NBC comedy was more of a spit bubble, but the network has given the show a full-season pick-up, according to a story in Variety on Friday.

With an average of about six million viewers over its four episodes so far, the Americanized adaptation of the Australian hit has retained enough My Name Is Earl viewers from the preceding Thursday night slot to get an order of a further nine episodes, and the likelihood of a DVD season box set on the shelves by summer.

Another lucky primetime title is Samantha Who?, the Christina Applegate vehicle, which got an order of another seven episodes from ABC, after pulling in 9.6 million viewers last Monday. Things aren't looking so good for 'Til Death, which Fox has pulled from Wednesday night for the next two weeks in favour of House reruns, promising in that vague Fox kinda way to bring it back after November sweeps are over.

The CW has also made some confident noises, upping episode orders for shows like 90210 and One Tree Hill, which have been expanded to 24 episodes, and Gossip Girl, which will be filling out a 25-episode season.

It's nice to know that, in these perilous economic times, at least a few showrunners and executive producers will be able to upgrade their car lease to the latest Benz sedan.

Not so lucky are Valentine and Easy Money, two CW shows which "had been put on hiatus with skeleton crews while more scripts were written," according to L.A. Weekly's insider Nikki Finke, but have now been put on "permanent hiatus," a Hollywood euphemism that has a meaning much like "concrete tuxedo" does in organized crime, or "non-operative personnel" in the military.

Finally, I have sad proof that the world isn't organized in a Cartesian system in which I am the sole central consciousness: Fox has ordered a fifth season of American Dad, while canceling King Of The Hill after this final, 13th season.

I have long been convinced that I was the only person watching KOTH, while I have several sound scientific studies proving that American Dad is only slightly funnier than looped footage of racehorses breaking their legs in crowded turns, writhing in pain before being discretely dispatched out of sight of the crowds.

This news confirms that I am not, in fact, the centre of the universe, while there are millions of people out there who will laugh at anything.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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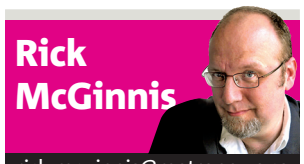

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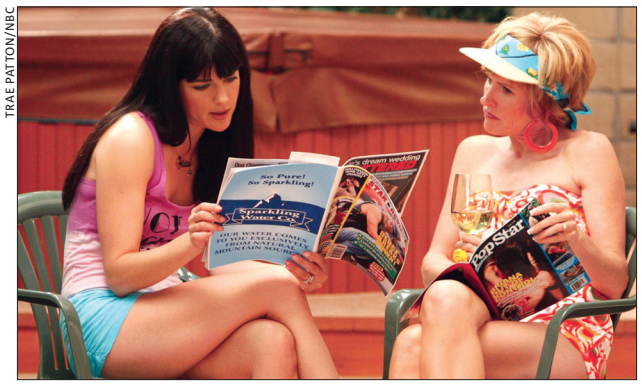

Left, Selma Blair as Kim and Molly Shannon as Kath in the NBC comedy series Kath & Kim.

Phillips pleads guilty to drug charge

TELEVISION Mackenzie Phillips has pleaded guilty to possessing cocaine and will go into drug treatment. The former One Day at a Time star entered the plea on Friday. Phillips, 48, was arrested Aug. 27 at Los Angeles airport after small amounts of narcotics were found during a security screening.

Phillips

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Sweetin writes about addiction

PEOPLE Former child star Jodie Sweetin has penned a tell-all book about her struggles with drugs and alcohol, three years after getting sober, imdb.com reports.

The former Full House actress spoke out in June about her four-year long battle with addiction to crystal meth. Describing her dependency on alcohol, she writes, "I never went anywhere without my to-go cup."

Sweetin, 26, is reportedly pitching her memoir, tentatively titled Wild Cards, to New York publishing houses.

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Scott "The Sartorialist" Schuman:

- Street-fashion photographer Scott Schuman reveals what catches his eye and what cities have him hitting his shutter-button. Read it at metronews.ca/style

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critics' corner

CSI: Miami
Days on the job site without an accident: zero. In this new episode, a 200-foot crane crashes into a Miami high-rise, putting Delko and Calleigh (Adam Rodriguez, Emily Procter) in danger and ruining Horatio's (David Caruso) best hope of catching a notorious crime boss. But don't worry; everyone has adequate insurance. 10 PM on CTV, CBS

Brotherhood
The fabulous Caffee boys, their friends and relations are back for a third season of this acclaimed drama series about an Irish-American family in Providence, R.I. In the premiere, "Uneasy Lies the Head," Tommy (Jason Clarke) thinks about taking the plunge into a new career. Declan (Ethan Embry) launches a corruption investigation but keeps it under wraps. Rose (Fionnula Flanagan) does the same with her declining health. Jason Isaacs also stars. 10 PM on M1

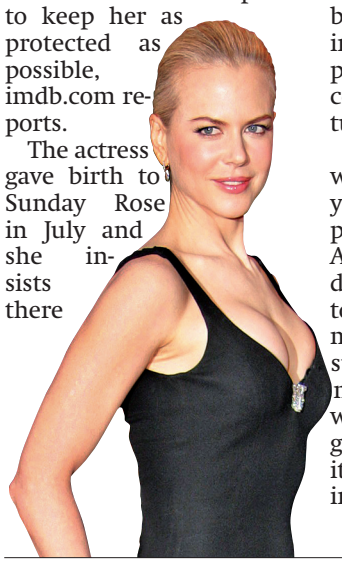
Sevigny splits from rocker

Actress Chloe Sevigny has split from her rocker boyfriend Matt McAuley. The star has been dating the A.R.E. Weapons bass player on and off for the past eight years, but friends insist this split is for good. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Kidman keeping daughter protected

PARENTING Nicole Kidman refuses to show her baby daughter off to the world because she's made a point to keep her as protected as possible, imdb.com reports.



The actress gave birth to Sunday Rose in July and she insists there won't be any family magazine spread or intimate shots released online.

That means she and husband Keith Urban are willing to fight the world's paparazzi over what has become a top-price first picture of the new baby.

"People say, 'Oh, it would be so much easier if you'd just let them (paparazzi) get a photo of her.' And I can't. I'm like, 'I don't want to. I want her to stay out of that,'" Kidman tells the upcoming issue of America's Parade magazine. "Maybe that will wane as she gets bigger, and I'll be easier with it. But, for now, I'm keeping her in a bubble."

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Olsen planning to wed?

WEDDING Actress Ashley Olsen is planning to marry National Treasure star Justin Bartha in a secret $1-million US ceremony on the French Riviera, according to reports.

The pair is rumoured to be in discussions about possible nuptials in the South of France next summer, imdb.com reports.

According to the National Enquirer, 22-year-old Olsen's wedding party will include twin sister Mary-Kate, her 19-year-old sister Lizzie and half-sister Taylor, 12. Her two brothers are said to have been enlisted as groomsmen for the event. And the star has reportedly tapped her famous friends to help her celebrate.

"Ashley has dreamed of having her wedding on the French Riviera, and she's going to ask her favourite designer, Karl Lagerfeld, to create a custom-designed gown ... She also wants photographer Annie Leibovitz, who Mary-Kate has worked with, to capture the entire extravaganza on film," a source tells the tabloid. Olsen has been dating 30-year-old Bartha since the beginning of the year.

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Alba inspires Spelling

HEALTH Actress Tori Spelling had a hard time regaining her pre-pregnancy figure, but looked to actress Jessica Alba for inspiration to shed the weight, imdb.com reports.

The star welcomed her second child, Stella Doreen, on June 9, whereas Alba gave birth to Honor Marie on June 7.

Seeing photos of a slim Alba spurred Spelling on to get back in shape.

"I would look at pictures of myself and compare them to Jessica Alba, who had her baby two days before me. I'd see photos of her two months after and go, 'Look at her!'" Spelling says.

But being mom to Stella and one-year-old Liam came first to Spelling, and she refused to forfeit her time with them for the sake of her figure.

"The best way to lose weight is to make it a family affair," she says. "It has changed my life. It's easier now because I'm not as focused on it. Take your time. If you get obsessed, you'll miss out on great moments with your children."

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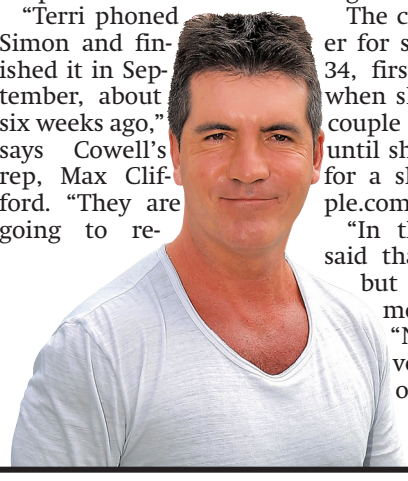
GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Cowell, girlfriend call it quits

BREAKUP American Idol judge Simon Cowell and his girlfriend, Terri Seymour, have called it quits, Cowell's rep confirms to People.



"Terri phoned Simon and finished it in September, about six weeks ago," says Cowell's rep, Max Clifford. "They are going to remain close friends. Simon thinks the world of Terri and that isn't going to change. He also understands her reason for ending it."

The couple were together for six years. Seymour, 34, first met Cowell, 48, when she was 18, but the couple didn't begin dating until she interviewed him for a show in 2002, People.com reports.

"In the past Terri has said that she wants kids but that just isn't Simon," adds Clifford. "Nobody else is involved, certainly not on Simon's side."

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celebrity briefs

Hudson may be dating athlete

DATING Kate Hudson is dating her childhood friend, Los Angeles Clippers star Baron Davis, according to reports. Hudson, who has known Davis since she was 16, has been spotted out with him in Los Angeles, according to Star magazine.

"Kate and Baron looked like they were on a date," a source says. "They enjoyed a few drinks together and whispered in each other's ear throughout the night. At the end, they jumped into his car and drove back to her house in Pacific Palisades. They've been spending more and more time together since Baron moved back to L.A. this summer."

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Electra not rushing down the aisle

MARRIAGE She's wearing an engagement ring, but actress Carmen Electra is in no rush to say "I do," People.com reports.

"That's the thing this time — we're going to avoid everyone else's pressure and go at our own pace," said Electra, whose fiancé is Rob Patterson. "Right now, we're just taking things really slow."

Electra, who was previously married to rocker Dave Navarro and NBA star Dennis Rodman, got engaged to Patterson in April.

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FameThrower

Joe O'Neill

Joe's take on celebrities

Nicole Kidman is intent upon continuing to shield her new daughter **Sunday Roast** from the paparazzi. It's effectively a two-pronged message. First, it suggests **Nicole** does in fact have greater maternal instincts than an igneous rock, and secondly it sends a missive to the photographers that the bounty's never been higher on a photo of the kid.

I don't doubt **Kidman**'s ability to successfully conceal the child. She's kept any discernable acting talent hidden for close to 20 years now. No word on how protective **Kidman** feels about **Conor** and **Isabella**, the two children that she and **Tom Cruise** adopted, although given the fact that they're being raised by their father, their comment would probably go something like, "Ahhhhhhhhhhhh!"

Perhaps I'm being far too cynical. Maybe **Kidman** has been struck by the magic of motherhood and she and her hubby really will fight to the death against the prying photogs who vie for the image of their progeny. Maybe all the Botox has frozen your brain, but you had a child, you didn't lay a golden egg! And when's your next bad movie coming out, anyway?

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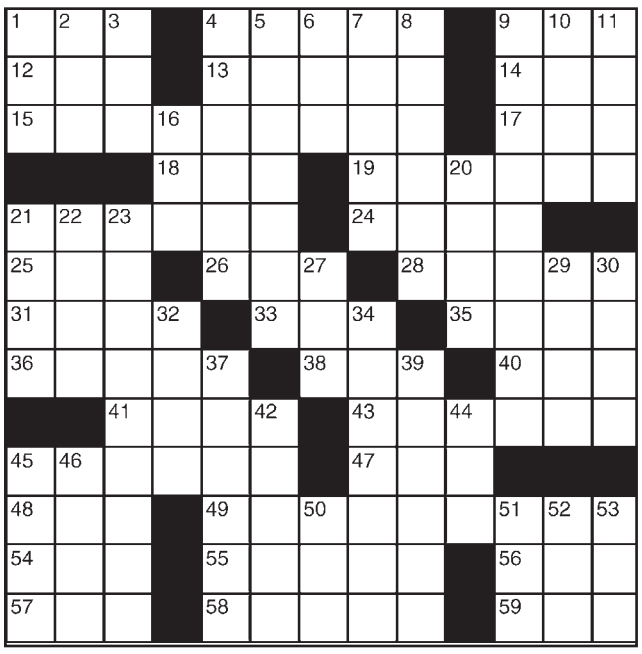

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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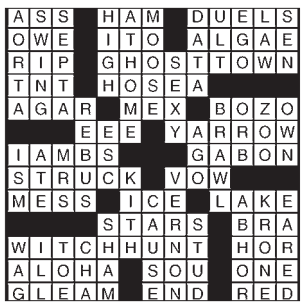
Crossword across

1 Mandible
4 Corporate division
9 Bear hair
12 Muslim official
13 Ex-Senator Lott
14 Individual
15 Telegrapher's means
17 Disencumber
18 Savings-plan acronym
19 Forces out
21 Traveled like Columbus
24 Drop a letter?
25 "— Town"
26 U.K. reference bk.
28 US-Canada-Mexico bloc
31 Classroom VIP
33 "Mayday!"
35 Calendar quota
36 Underwear brand
38 Suntan lotion abbr.
40 — out a living
41 Ship's chassis
43 Ducks
45 Hex
47 "Smoking or —?"
48 Blunder
49 Student's easy "A"
54 Petrol
55 Broadcast
56 Gorilla
57 Hearty brew
58 Approaches
59 Tibetan beast

Crossword down

1 Toast spread
2 Past
3 Series of battles
4 Mono alternative
5 Video-game parlors
6 Zodiac feline
7 Finished
8 Mr. Spielberg
9 Compel to eat
10 — pricing
11 Cincinnati team
16 Part of RSVP
20 "Now — me down to sleep"
21 Ex-frosh
22 Emanation
23 Steam locomotive
27 — and don'ts
29 Grasp
30 Belligerent deity
32 Vendetta
34 Actor Tracy
37 Catchphrase
39 Deluges
42 Comic Anderson
44 Name in Burma's history
45 Singer Suzanne
46 Exam format
50 — -la-la
51 Beam of light
52 Resort
53 "A mouse!"

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min .....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Recipe of the day

Broiled steak with mustard-glazed potatoes

INGREDIENTS:
¼ cup (50 mL) Dijon mustard
1 tbsp (15 mL) clear honey
1 tbsp (15 mL) cider vinegar
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
¼ tsp (1 mL) black pepper
1 lb (500 g) lean beef tenderloin
1 ½ lb (750 g) new potatoes
1 large onion, cut into 8 wedges
1 bunch watercress, tough ends trimmed

METHOD:
1. Combine mustard, honey, vinegar, garlic and pepper in a large bowl. Place beef in a shallow bowl. Measure out 2 tbsp (25 mL) mustard mixture and rub all over beef. Marinate for 30 minutes at room temperature.
2. Peel a strip of skin from around each potato. Boil until just tender, about 20 minutes. Drain well and add to bowl of mustard mixture. Toss to coat. With a slotted spoon, transfer potatoes to broiler pan, leaving room for beef and onion wedges.
3. Add the onion to mustard mixture in bowl, turning to coat. Add to broiler pan.
4. Preheat broiler. Add beef to broiler pan and broil 3 inches (8 cm) from heat for 8 minutes, turning beef, onions and potatoes midway through. Let beef stand for 5 minutes before slicing. Serve on bed of watercress.

SERVES 4

PER SERVING
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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll find evidence of career goals being set aside. Refusing to comply will lead to a dispute. Your devotion is reckoned to be important.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Take someone's breath away with your thoughtfulness. A woman is going from bad to worse. You'll get wise to someone's brazen ploy.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Someone is forced to lie. Make someone aware of another person's misery. Pitch in to get chores done quickly.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Opportunity will knock, so be prepared. Pain will make you lethargic. Don't change your working plan just yet.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A drastic decision must be made now. A concerned person will make some changes. You'll form extraordinary bonds tonight.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Some wishes will come true. If you don't play by the rules, you'll lose the game. Taking a chance won't pay off.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Someone from your past fulfills a prediction. Your desire for someone to be in love is justified. A joke is played on the wrong person.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A meeting has satisfying results. Someone's allergies will erupt. An issue sets off a debate among friends.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone's glance has you dreaming of bliss. You'll hear of some unusual revelations. A family rumour causes anxiety.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A boasting guy has a strange story to tell you. Your suspicion is reasonable. Cheer someone up with chocolate.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A loyal man stops teasing before someone is hurt. There's no need to fear. A mating game makes you chuckle.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You'll welcome being spoiled by unselfish actions. Acknowledge your errors before they're exposed. Develop your own website for more income.

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36 Young St.

AURORA
14751 Yonge St.
SmartCenters Aurora

BARRIE
44 Cedar Point Dr.
632 Yonge St.
Barrie Power Centre
Georgian Mall

BOLTON
SmartCentres Bolton

BOWMANVILLE
Clarington Place

BRAMPTON
59 First Gulf Blvd.
100 Great Lakes Dr.
10086 Hurontario St.
Airport & Hwy 7
Bramalea City Centre
Shopper's World

BURLINGTON
1100 Walker's Line
Appleby Crossing
Burlington Mall
Mapleview Mall

CAMBRIDGE
499 Hespeler Rd.
Cambridge Centre

COBOURG
Northumberland Mall

COOKSTOWN
Cookstown Outlet Mall - kiosk

DON MILLS
Two Park Centre

ETOBICOKE
Cloverdale Mall
Sherway Gardens
Woodbine Centre

GEORGETOWN
330 Guelph St.

LINDSAY
229 Kent St.
Whitney Town Centre

MAPLE
2810 Major Mackenzie Dr.

MARKHAM
7357 Woodbine Ave.
8392 Kennedy Rd.
Cachet Village
Market Village
Markville Shopping Centre
Pacific Mall

MILTON
377 Main St. E.

MISSISSAUGA
980 Eglinton Ave. E.
2800 Skymark Ave.
6965 Davand Dr.
Central Parkway Mall
Dixie Value Mall
Erin Mills Town Centre
Sheridan Centre
Heartland Power Centre
Mississauga Chinese Centre
Sheridan Centre
Square One Shopping Centre
Westgate SmartCentres
Westwood Mall

NEWMARKET
Upper Canada Mall

NORTH YORK
170 Rimrock Rd.
1635 Lawrence Ave.W.
2081 Steeles Ave. W.
Bayview Village
Centerpoint Mall
Crossroads Plaza
Empress Walk
Lawrence Square
North York Sheridan Mall
Sheppard Centre
Yorkgate Mall

OAKVILLE
Hopedale Mall - kiosk
Oakville Place
Winston Power Centre

ORANGEVILLE
114 Broadway Ave.

OSHAWA
Five Points Mall
Oshawa Centre

PICKERING
570 Kingston Rd
Pickering Town Centre

RICHMOND HILL
Elgin Mills Crossing
Hillcrest Mall
Richmond Heights Plaza
Time Square Shopping Centre

SCARBOROUGH
259 Morningside Ave.
Bridlewood Mall - kiosk
Cedarbrae Mall - kiosk
Chartwell Shopping Center
Eglinton Square
Kennedy Commons
Malvern Town Centre
Parkway Mall
Scarborough Town Centre

SUDBURY
Brady Square
New Sudbury Centre
Southridge Mall

THORNHILL
2900 Steeles Ave
Promenade Mall

TORONTO
85 Hanna Ave.
320 Queen St. W.
209 Danforth Ave.
2171 Queen St. E.
2256 Bloor St. W.
2323 Yonge St.
Brookfield Place
Chinatown Centre
College Park
Commerce Court
Cumberland Terrace
Dufferin Mall
East York Town Centre
Eaton Centre
Eaton Centre II
Exchange Tower
Gerrard Square
Scotia Plaza
Toronto Life Square
Yorkdale - kiosk

UXBRIDGE
307 Toronto St. S.

VAUGHAN
Vaughan Mills

WHITBY
Whitby Mall
Whitby Smart Centres

WILLOWDALE
Fairview Mall

WOODBRIDGE
4080 Highway 7

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